

[petitioner's] ability to present the case, the complexity of the legal issues and any special reason in that case why appointment of counsel would be more likely to lead to a just determination.” *Johnston*, 606 F.3d at 42 (citing *Hodge v. Police Officers*, 802 F.2d 58, 60-61 (2d Cir. 1986)).

At this point in the proceedings, the Court denies Zietek's request for the appointment of counsel without prejudice to renewal because the Court cannot conclude based on the current record that her claims are substantial or that she is likely to succeed on the merits. Accordingly, Zietek should work with the Pro Se Office of the Court for any additional help that she needs, and she should seek to obtain private counsel. The Pro Se Office may be contacted at: Pro Se Office, United States District Court, S.D.N.Y., 500 Pearl St, New York, N.Y. 10007, (212) 805-0175.

Plaintiff may also seek assistance by contacting the New York Legal Assistance Group's (NYLAG) Legal Clinic for Pro Se Litigants in the Southern District of New York, a free legal clinic for those who have brought suit in this Court. Plaintiff can make an appointment through NYLAG's website (<https://nylag.org/pro-se-clinic/>), or by calling (212) 659-6190.

Finally, to the extent that Plaintiff wants her claims to be investigated by federal law enforcement, as she suggests in her complaint – in which she says that she is seeking to “charge those violators with crimes,” – then she should contact federal law enforcement directly (rather than proceed with a civil lawsuit in federal

court), as the Court has no authority to refer her complaint to any investigative offices. Plaintiff may direct her complaint to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York at the following address:

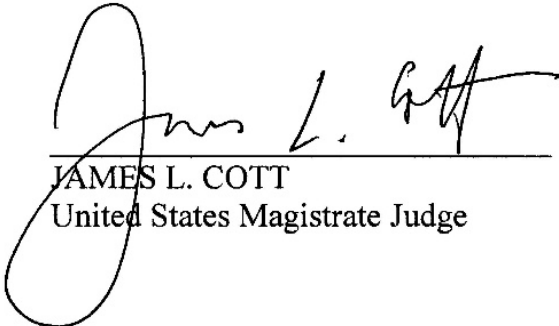
United States Attorney's Office
Southern District of New York
Attn: Chief, Civil Rights Unit
86 Chambers Street, 3rd Floor
New York, New York 10007

She may also call and leave a message on the United States Attorney's Office Civil Rights Complaint Line at (212) 637-0840.

The Clerk is respectfully directed to close docket entry number 11 and mark it as denied without prejudice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
August 11, 2021



JAMES L. COTT
United States Magistrate Judge

A copy of this Order has been mailed to the following:

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